



February 1, 2005

Dear Owner/Manager:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the billing, inspection, and permitting procedures for the 2005 pool season; neglecting to follow the guidelines provided in this letter will cause a delay in the opening of your pool.

Please note that permit application form(s) for each pool/spa and invoice(s) for the 2005 pool season are included in this correspondence.

This year, prior to your pool being allowed to open, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- Completed permit application on file – please note that the application must include the **owner's name, driver's license number and mailing address, pool capacity and turnover rate**. A separate application must be submitted for each pool/spa on your property.
- Payment of required annual permit fee and all other City of Arlington fees including the semi-annual multi-family inspection fee must be current.
- Approved inspection performed by city staff - please note that an inspection will not be scheduled until the permit payment is received.

Effective February 1, 2005, The City of Arlington amended the Health Ordinance to incorporate new State regulations governing public swimming pools and spas. The most significant changes are:

- Suction outlet safety and return inlets upgrades at post-10/1/1999 and pre-10/1/1999 pools/spas
- Emergency telephones accessible at all times
- Lifeguard and second responder required at Class C pools with slides
- No gas chlorination for new pools
- New or altered pools/spas must meet ADA Accessibility Guidelines
- 2002 National Electric Code compliant ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) required on pools/spas with lights.

- City of Arlington requires annual testing of GFCI by an electrician licensed in Texas at least once a year prior to pool season and/or as required by the Administrator.

All pools must comply with current pool requirements. As in last year's notice, listed below are compliance issues that, if deficient, may substantially delay your operations:

- Lack of required life safety equipment
- Lack of bottom stripes – all Class C pools greater than 5' deep must have 4" wide bottom stripe to separate deep and shallow ends of pool
- Lack of approved drain cover (ANSI A112.19.8M approved drain cover)
- Lack of proper water chemistry
- Lack of air gap or backflow prevention device
- Lack of or inoperable automatic chlorinator
- Lack of or inoperable flow meter
- Lack of or improper functioning of self-closing gates
- Lack of required pool signage
- Lack of "No Diving" sign/lack of international "No Diving" symbol
- Lack of required telephone access
- Lack of required pool barrier
- Lack of an additional approved drain cover available onsite
- Malfunctioning water circulation pump and/or motor
- Poor water clarity (main drain not visible)
- Failure to meet required turnover rate
- Backwash not discharged to sanitary sewer; lack of double check valve or an air gap
- Improper fence height; fence in disrepair
- Wet niche fixture inoperable; lack of operable GFCI
- Permanent deck and vertical wall depth markings not present or less than 4" in height
- Trained Pool Operator (see City of Arlington's Health Ordinance, Section 7.01(D)(5)(A) for more information)

For additional information regarding the Texas Department of State Health Services Standards for Public Pools and Spas, you can view their website at www.tdh.state.tx.us. For additional information regarding the City of Arlington's Health Ordinance for public swimming pools, please view our website at www.ci.arlington.tx.us/health.

The outdoor pool season usually begins around Memorial Day and lasts until the school term begins in August. Accordingly, the City has a high demand for pool inspections during this time. If your pool is ready for inspection prior to the operating season, the Neighborhood Services staff can schedule an opening inspection between now and mid-April. You can request this inspection by calling 817-459-6777, select option one in our automated phone system and leave your name and phone number with a brief message, and someone will return your call to schedule the inspection.

Initial inspections after mid-April will be subject to the demand of the overall program and your pool opening may be delayed.

If your pool has been inoperable and/or drained during the previous years, it must be brought into compliance or be permanently removed. Again, please note that your pool will not be allowed to open until you have received and passed an initial inspection, paid the annual operating fee, and are current on other obligations to the City of Arlington

In addition to the amended pool regulations, the City of Arlington adopted Ordinance No. 04-100 prohibiting smoking in common areas of multi-family complexes. Common areas include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Swimming pool/spa areas
- Laundry facilities
- Club house
- Office areas
- Areas used by general public

These common areas are required to be properly posted with 'No Smoking' signage. For your convenience, we have enclosed three (3) signs. Please feel free to design and post your own signs if additional signage is required.

Should you require additional information regarding these new regulations or any information provided herein, please feel free to contact this office at 817-459-6777.

Yours truly,

Bruce Payne
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attachments